

United States Patent Application

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENDOTRACHEAL/ESOPHAGEAL STIMULATION PRIOR TO AND DURING A MEDICAL PROCEDURE.

The specification of which

a. is attached hereto

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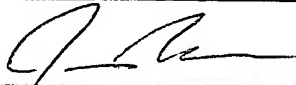
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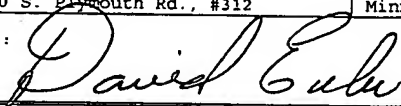
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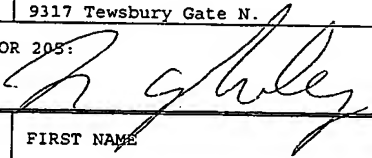
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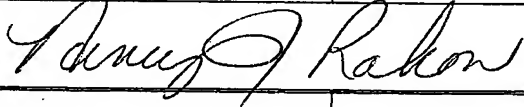
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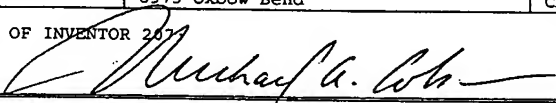
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